

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2001  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS  
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
1:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Kathy Campbell, Chair  
Bob Workman, Vice Chair  
Bernie Heier  
Larry Hudkins  
Ray Stevens

Others Present: Norm Agena, County Assessor  
David Johnson, Deputy County Attorney  
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk  
Trish Owen, Deputy County Clerk  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Absent: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer

The Lancaster County Board of Equalization was convened at 1:32 p.m.

- 1) **MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, October 23, 2001. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting dated October 23, 2001. Campbell, Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

**Approval of 11 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit A.**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of the additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls. Heier, Campbell, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

Gentle Shepherd Baptist Church  
Goodwill Industries Serving Southeast Nebraska Inc.  
First Church of the Nazarene  
Northern Lighthouse  
Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center  
St. Monica's

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemptions. Stevens, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **CORRECTIONS TO THE 2001-2002 TAX LEVIES FOR LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA:**

Tim Genuchi, accountant with the County Clerk's Office, submitted corrected documentation into the record:

- ▶ 2001-2002 Tax Rates for Lancaster County (Exhibit 1)
- ▶ Ten Year History of Tax Rates for Lancaster County (Exhibit 2)

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Stevens seconded to accept the corrections to the 2001-2002 tax levies for Lancaster County, Nebraska. Workman, Hudkins, Campbell, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

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The Chair recessed the Board of Equalization meeting until 2:35 p.m. when it was reconvened.

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5) **NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE FOR OMITTED OR UNDERVALUED PROPERTY:**

**Nebraska Housing Resource Inc. (16 notices)**

Norm Agena, County Assessor, recommended a value of \$17,600 for each parcel.

**Kent D. Zoz**

Agena recommended a value of \$54,560.

## **Gerald and Angela Green**

Agena explained that the Green's applied for a permit in 1991 to put a basement under a house, which was completed. He noted that additional construction (an addition to the home and enlargement of the garage) took place after the basement was completed, however, no permit(s) were issued. Agena stated his office went back to 1994 because the project was completed in 1993. In addition to the new value of \$88,770, he recommended a 20 percent penalty and 14 percent interest on both the penalty and the tax.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded to accept the County Assessor's recommendation and set a value of \$17,600 for each of the parcels for Nebraska Housing Resource Inc. (Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-033-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-118-032-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-001-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-015-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-118-019-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-020-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-021-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-022-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-024-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-025-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-026-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-027-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-028-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-029-000; Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-030-000 and Parcel I.D. # 11-18-117-031-000); to set a value of \$54,560 for Kent D. Zoz and to set a value of \$88,770, to assess a 20 percent penalty and assess 14 percent interest on both the penalty and the tax for 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 for Gerald and Angela Green. Hudkins, Stevens, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

## 6) **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting at 2:45 p.m. Stevens, Workman, Campbell, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
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- 2) **CLAIMS:** Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, October 30, 2001.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Stevens seconded approval. Heier, Campbell, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. The County-City Volunteer of the Month Award was presented to Ron and Barb Suing for their services with the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Office.

3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED:**

**B. A one step increase, due to exceptional circumstances, for Karen Johnson, an employee with the County Attorney's Office. (M-01-123)**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the one step increase for Karen Johnson, an employee with the County Attorney's Office. Workman, Hudkins, Campbell, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. Amendment of the Lancaster County General Assistance Guidelines. (A copy of the proposed changes is on file with the Lancaster County Clerk's Office.) (M-01-125)**

The Chair opened the public hearing, noting the following changes:

- ▶ Section 4:111, Item 4 was changed to Item 3
- ▶ Allow burial of cremains at Wyuka Cemetery for a set fee

The Chair asked if anyone wished to provide testimony.

No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of the amendment to the Lancaster County General Assistance Guidelines. Hudkins, Stevens, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

**B. Increase appropriations of the Grants Fund \$2,700,000 to allow for an intergovernmental payment of \$17,400,000 versus the \$14,700,000 that was anticipated at the time the budget was adopted. The Intergovernmental Transfer Program is between the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (Department) and Nebraska's city and county owned nursing facilities.**

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer, gave a brief history regarding the Intergovernmental Transfer Program, noting that the County has received between \$14.8 million and \$18 million each year for the past five years. He stated \$14.7 million was budgeted for fiscal year 2001-2002, however, that projection was underestimated and the budget will need to be increased \$2.7 million.

4) **PUBLIC HEARINGS CONTINUED:**

Kroeker added that a resolution will appear on the next week's agenda to increase the budget.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of the increase of appropriations of the Grants Fund \$2,700,000. Stevens, Workman, Campbell, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. An agreement between the Lancaster County Engineering Department and Midwest Right-of-Way Services, in the amount of \$22,000, for the acquisition of right-of-way. This will involve fee simple interests, as well as permanent and temporary easements from thirteen property owners for constructing a viaduct over the Burlington Northern-Sante Fe Railroad main line where it crosses Firth Road in Lancaster County, Nebraska; Project C55-X-402(5), Firth viaduct. (C-01-529)**

Don Thomas, County Engineer, requested that the agreement be dropped from the agenda.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded withdrawal of the agreement between the Lancaster County Engineering Department and Midwest Right-of-Way Services from the agenda. Heier, Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**B. A contract between Lancaster County and the Board of Regents, University of Nebraska, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center for a completed 12 month plan of implementation of the Comprehensive Human Services Needs Assessment Activities, beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002. The maximum amount to be paid shall not exceed \$105,000. (C-01-473)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of a contract between Lancaster County and the Board of Regents, University of Nebraska, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center. Campbell, Stevens, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. A resolution approving the execution of a lease purchase agreement and a lease purchase agreement and related documents with the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Leasing Corporation for the purchase and installation of a ground loop heat pump piping system for the Lancaster County Corrections Department, beginning November 1, 2001 and ending November 1, 2006. The principal is \$204,081, with an interest rate of 3.650 percent. Total payment amount is \$225,121.03. (R-01-108 and C-01-544)**

David Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, requested that pages 3 and 12 be corrected, by interlineation, to read Lancaster County Correctional facility instead of Lincoln Correctional facility. He also requested the County Board Chair initial both changes.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval, subject to pages 3 and 12 being corrected, by interlineation, to read Lancaster County Correctional facility instead of Lincoln Correctional facility and initialing of said changes by the Chair. Heier, Workman, Stevens, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. A cooperative agreement between the Lancaster County Engineering Department and the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division for the operation and computation of four gaging stations located at Salt Creek near Roca, Little Salt Creek near Lincoln, Stevens Creek near Lincoln and Rock Creek near Ceresco, beginning October 1, 2001 and ending September 30, 2002. Each party will contribute \$7,320 for the services. (C-01-545)**

NOTE: The cooperative agreement is between the Lancaster County Emergency Management Department and the U.S. Department of Interior, not the County Engineering Department.

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of a cooperative agreement between the Lancaster County Emergency Management Department and the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division. Stevens, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- C. A resolution in the matter of increasing the amount employees may designate for unreimbursed medical expenses in their Flexible Employee Benefit Account (FEBA) from \$2,000 to \$2,500 per plan year. (R-01-107)

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of Resolution 01-107. Workman, Campbell, Hudkins, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. A resolution in the matter of approving the new application form for obtaining an amusement license in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (R-01-109)

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution 01-109. Hudkins, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

- E. Recommendation from the Purchasing Agent and the County Engineer to award a bid to Concrete Industries d/b/a Western Sand & Gravel, in the total amount of \$422,835, for gravel hauling and production at various County stockpiles as follows: (B-01- 47)

Project 02-13H - 4,500 Tons - Davey Maintenance Station Stockpile

Western Sand & Gravel (Hauler) at \$2.40/ton = \$10,800

Western Sand & Gravel (Producer) at \$6.30/ton = \$28,350

**Total Davey Maintenance Station Stockpile** = \$39,150

Project 02-14H - 8,200 tons - Raymond Maintenance Station Stockpile

Western Sand & Gravel (Hauler) at \$2.90/ton = \$23,780

Western Sand & Gravel (Producer) at \$6.30/ton = \$51,660

**Total Raymond Maintenance Station Stockpile** = \$75,440

Project 02-15H - 6,000 tons - Roca Maintenance Station Stockpile

Western Sand & Gravel (Hauler) at \$3.38/ton = \$20,280

Western Sand & Gravel (Producer) at \$6.30/ton = \$37,800

**Total Roca Maintenance Station Stockpile** = \$58,080

Project 02-16H - 4,700 tons - South 68<sup>th</sup> Street Stockpile

Western Sand & Gravel (Hauler) at \$4.36/ton = \$20,492

Western Sand & Gravel (Producer) at \$6.30/ton = \$29,610

**Total South 68<sup>th</sup> Street Stockpile** = \$50,102

6) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Project 02-17H - 5,900 tons - Southwest 12<sup>th</sup> and Saltillo Stockpile  
Western Sand & Gravel (Hauler) at \$3.38/ton = \$19,942  
Western Sand & Gravel (Producer) at \$6.30/ton = \$37,170  
**Total Southwest 12<sup>th</sup> & Saltillo Stockpile** = \$57,112

Project 02-18H - 4,000 tons - Southwest 100<sup>th</sup> and Hallam Road Stockpile  
Western Sand & Gravel (Hauler) at \$5.10/ton = \$20,400  
Western Sand & Gravel (Producer) at \$6.30/ton = \$25,200  
**Total Southwest 100<sup>th</sup> & Hallam Road Stockpile** = \$45,600

Project 02-19H - 4,000 tons - Walton Maintenance Station Stockpile  
Western Sand & Gravel (Hauler) at \$2.58/ton = \$10,320  
Western Sand & Gravel (Producer) at \$6.30/ton = \$25,200  
**Total Walton Maintenance Station Stockpile** = \$35,520

Project 02-20H - 7,700 tons - Waverly Maintenance Station Stockpile  
Western Sand & Gravel (Hauler) at \$1.73/ton = \$13,321  
Western Sand & Gravel (Producer) at \$6.30/ton = \$48,510  
**Total Waverly Maintenance Station Stockpile** = \$61,831

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval. Campbell, Heier, Stevens, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

**F. A change order with Constructors, Inc., in the amount of \$3,052, for Project Number 01-23, interchange ramps at Northwest 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 34 for the following: (C-01-220-CO-01-04)**

- ▶ Addition of rock rip-rap blankets for erosion control
- ▶ Addition of three calendar days to the contract
- ▶ Provide filter fabric
- ▶ Removal of salvage fence

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of a change order with Constructors, Inc. Hudkins, Campbell, Stevens, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Hudkins asked when the ramps would be ready for use.

6) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

Don Thomas, County Engineer, stated it was his understanding that Kawasaki will hire Dobson's to apply asphaltic surface leading to the on ramp and added that he has requested the City expand that to include the surface leading to the off ramp. Thomas also said the lights have not been installed and that the State may not agree to open the ramp until that has been completed.

**G. Authorization of Wells Fargo Bank, as Trustee, to disburse the following from the juvenile detention center bond proceeds for the new Juvenile Detention Center: (M-01-121)**

- ▶ \$1,268.37 to Office Depot, Inc. for cork and marker boards
- ▶ \$3,158.89 to Sinclair Hille Architects for architectural services
- ▶ \$459 to Jetz Midwest, Inc. for a Maytag washer
- ▶ \$1,937 to Pratt Audio Visual and Video Corporation for television/VCR mounts
- ▶ \$319.96 to RadioShack Credit Services for wireless headphones and boomboxes.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval. Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**H. Authorization of Wells Fargo Bank, as Trustee, to disburse \$6,000 from the juvenile detention center bond proceeds to Commonwealth Electric Company for Progress Billing Number 1 for ornamental lighting for the new Juvenile Detention Center. (M-01-122)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval. Heier, Campbell, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

**I. Correction of a clerical error in the matter of setting the special election of the Countrylane Estates Special Paving Improvement District and Board of Trustees. The date read December 17, 2001 and should be changed to read December 18, 2001. (R-01-102)**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval. Stevens, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**J. A request from the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) for a refund of personal property taxes, in the total amount of \$600.56, for 1998, 1999 and 2000. (M-01-124)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Stevens seconded approval of a request for a refund of personal property taxes from NIRMA, in the total amount of \$600.56. Campbell, Hudkins, Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**K. A political subdivision tort claim filed against the Lancaster County Public Defender by Gregory Thompson for damages, in the amount of \$75,000.**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded denial of the tort claim filed by Gregory Thompson. Heier, Campbell, Stevens, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

**L. A political subdivision tort claim filed against the Community Mental Health Center by Brian D. Brunke for two lost shirts, approximately valued at \$18.**

Johnson stated he received a telephone message from an individual who indicated he was Mr. Brunke. The individual indicated that someone else filed the claim and that he would like it withdrawn. Johnson stated he returned the call and explained that a written withdrawal should be submitted to the County Board.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Hudkins seconded denial of the tort claim filed by Brian D. Brunke. Stevens, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- 7) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

**A. Receive and Place on File:**

1. County Attorney's quarterly report beginning July 1, 2001 and ending September 30, 2001.
2. County Engineer's quarterly report beginning July 1, 2001 and ending September 30, 2001.
3. County Engineer's quarterly report for the Geographic Information System (GIS) Division, beginning July 1, 2001 and ending September 30, 2001.

**B. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, November 27, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building for the redistricting of the County Commissioner districts for Lancaster County, Nebraska.**

**C. A right-of-way contract relating to road improvements between the Lancaster County Engineering Department and Richard Kirby and Roxann O'Hare, in the amount of \$330.80, at 201 West Rock Creek Road; Project C55-C-406(1). (C-01-543)**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of the Consent Items. Workman, Hudkins, Campbell, Stevens and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

The Chair recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 2:10 p.m. to Conference Room 106 for the purpose of discussing County Board redistricting.

- 8) **DISCUSSION OF COUNTY BOARD REDISTRICTING** - Kent Morgan, Planning Department

The Board discussed redistricting (see a map of County Commissioner District) (Exhibit 3)

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Ray Stevens

Others Present: Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrator  
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk  
Patricia Owen, Deputy County Clerk  
Michael Thurber, Director for Lancaster County  
Corrections  
Dave Voorhis, VRJS Consultants  
Al Hall, VRJS Consultants

The meeting with Judge William D. Missouri, Administrative Judge for Maryland's 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Campbell welcomed the Judge to Nebraska and thanked him for meeting with the County Commissioners.

Thurber explained to the group what Judge Missouri's schedule had been, and the various meetings they had been attending. He asked Judge Missouri to briefly explain the judicial hierarchy in Maryland to the Commissioners as it was a bit different than Nebraska's system.

Judge Missouri explained about his duties as an Administrative Judge for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit and his supervisory role over other judges in various Maryland counties.

In response to a question from Heier, Judge Missouri explained the basic philosophy of the Pre-Trial Supervision program and spoke of 'typical' cases in his jurisdiction and how they would be adjudicated. Missouri stated that the primary impetus for the program came from the apparent inequities in how people were being released back into the community. Judge Missouri explained that those who could afford bond were sent back into the community without any accountability or supervision. They felt the Pre-Trial Supervision program offered the same opportunity for release, but with stipulations relating to monitoring and accountability to the system while they were awaiting trial. They felt this program offered those benefits while the bonding system did not. Judge Missouri explained to the group that a typical District Court case was usually a

theft issue or DWI. He explained about their 28 day DWI facility that offered an opportunity for the offender to get immediate treatment prior to their court date and the ability to show good faith to the judicial system. This Pre-Trial Supervision program offered them the opportunity to voluntarily seek treatment. Each participant was required to sign a contract prior to admission to the program.

Judge Missouri indicated that the theft issues seen were usually a result of a substance abuse problem, allowing for Pre-Trial Supervision and monitoring of the offender.

Discussion was held on the handout titled, "Levels of Supervision" and how it related to assessment of the offenders. Judge Missouri indicated that it was crucial that once the level of caseworker to client ratio was established that this level not change. This due to the fact that it may create a loss of public confidence in the effectiveness of the program.

Hudkins questioned whether they had seen any criticism of their use of the 28 day drug treatment program without apparent due process for the offenders.

Judge Missouri stated that no, but this was due to the fact that the program was voluntary and the offender was made aware of the fact that the judicial system would look more favorably upon voluntary participation in a treatment program prior to their court date. He indicated it was a bit of the carrot-and-stick method.

Workman questioned how the extra caseworkers affected the programs budget and if the staffing levels could be quantified as justifiable.

Judge Missouri responded that yes, the caseworkers and the program actually were more cost efficient than 'warehousing' offenders. He commented that the current cost right now of incarceration was \$56.00/day for each inmate, more than diverting them into the Pre-Trial Supervision program.

Heier questioned who supervised the caseworkers?

Missouri responded that currently the corrections department is overseeing them, giving in essence a firewall between the client and the judicial system. He also indicated that a contract was signed between the corrections department and the client before they left the Pre-Trial Supervision program.

Campbell questioned whether any additional assessment tools were used above and beyond those indicated in the document, "Level of Supervision".

Al Hall, with VRJS Consultants, responded not at the present time. He indicated that the document should, and needed, to be reviewed and updated periodically. Judge Missouri added that there is a different assessment for juveniles, a type of triage program which also included an education component.

Hall stressed that this Pre-Trial Supervision program was not meant to be a 'jail population' program but rather a 'public safety' program.

Campbell questioned whether there have been ancillary programs that have resulted from this core program. Hall indicated that yes there are and the process and programs are constantly evolving.

Hall indicated that their statistics indicate that 75% of those entering jail are testing positive for an illegal substance, and this does not include alcohol. If alcohol was also included in this percentage it would likely be closer to 90%.

Thurber agreed, indicating the figures were compatible with Lancaster County.

Judge Missouri recommend that the Lancaster Board of Commissioners take a chance on this program, encouraging them to allow the Lancaster County staff to prepare the program for the Commissioner review.

Stevens asked Judge Missouri what he felt the initial judicial attitude was toward this program. Missouri indicated that he, with the other judges were leery of the program. A pilot program was put into place and as the statistics relating to FTA's, (failure to appear), and Pre-Trial Supervision showed effectiveness, more of the judges bought into the program. The judges primary concern was for public safety.

Voorhis questioned whether there were sanctions other than incarceration for the secondary population, those already sentenced.

Missouri responded that jail is the easy answer for judges, but that sanctions such as work-release, day reporting, community service and weekly visits with the judges should also be considered.

Campbell questioned whether Missouri's area had a formal community service program. Missouri responded that they did, run by the county with the director assigned to the corrections department.

Workman questioned whether there had been a media backlash to this program. Missouri stated that yes there had been, but it related to a problem with some of the private service contractors and not with the county or the program.

With no further comments or questions from the Board, Stevens moved and Workman seconded to adjourn. Stevens, Campbell, Heier, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion to adjourn carried.

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Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk

